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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 20,
1974:

QUOTE: MR. HARE: I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE
EXPRESSED OUR REGRETS TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE
INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK CITY AT THE
EGYPTIAN TOURIST OFFICE. AS YOU KNOW, WE DEPLORE VIOLENCE,
FROM WHATEVER SOURCE.

Q. IN CONNECTION WITH THAT INCIDENT, AND THE INCIDENTS AT
BEITH SHEAN AND OTHERS -- DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COM-
MENT ON THE RISING TERRORISM THAT SEEMS TO BE OCCURRING?

A. WELL LET ME PUT THIS IN THE PERSPECTIVE, IF I MIGHT, OF
THE MIDDLE EAST, AND I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD ALL HAVE HAD --
IF NOT, I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENT WHICH
WE ISSUED YESTERDAY, IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED ITS
SHOCK OVER THE SENSELESS MURDER OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS, AND
INCIDENTS SUCH AS THAT AT BEITH SHEAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ONLY FEEDS THE CLIMATE

OF HATRED THAT WORKS AGAINST A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS SAID, THE UNITED STATES
REMAINS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING MOMENTUM TOWARD A NEGOTIA-
TED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

OBTAINING, THIS END IS BEST SERVED BY CALM IN THE AREA.

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WE HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES IN THE AREA WILL REFRAIN FROM
ACTIONS WHICH CREATE TENSIONS.

Q. THERE WAS SOME INDICATION FROM YOUR PODIUM IN THE LAST
COUPLE OF WEEKS, THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONTACTS OF A
LEVEL, OR PERHAPS EVEN HIGHER, BETWEEN THE AMERICAN DELE-
GATION AT THE U.N. AND THE PLO DELEGATION. HAS ANY TAKEN
PLACE AT ANY LEVEL, OUTSIDE OF THE PROCEDURAL PART, DEAL-

ING WITH THE SAFETY OF THE DELEGATION?

A. I WILL TAKE THAT QUESTION. I REALIZE THAT WE LEFT OPEN THAT POSSIBILITY, AND I AM SIMPLY NOT INFORMED, OR NOT BRIEFED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ANY LOW LEVEL CONTACTS IN FACT HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

Q. IS THE STATEMENT YOU HAVE JUST READ ABOUT THE VIOLENCE, ONE THAT YOU ISSUED YESTERDAY? I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED.

A. NO, WELL YESTERDAY WE WERE ASKED, SUBSEQUENT TO THE BRIEFING, ABOUT THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED --

Q. -- AND THIS WAS THE STATEMENT ISSUED THEN?

A. AND AT THAT POINT -- I UNDERSTOOD JOHN'S QUESTION, TO BE BROADER IN TERMS OF THE WHOLE CLIMATE WHICH EXISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE PRESENT TIME.

BUT YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT WAS JUST THE FIRST PART OF WHAT I SAID HERE TODAY, EXPRESSING OUR SHOCK OVER THAT SINGLE TERRORIST INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT BEITH SHEAN.

Q. IN LIGHT OF THE TWO SISCO STATEMENTS, MONDAY AND TODAY, CAN YOU REITERATE WHAT THE U.S. OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY IS TOWARDS THE PLO?

A. WELL, I THINK THAT UNDER SECRETARY SISCO MADE IT QUITE CLEAR IN TODAY'S INTERVIEW THAT OUR POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED, AND WHAT HE SAID REFLECTED WITH THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID ON THE SUBJECT AND WHAT THE SECRETARY HAS SAID ON THE SUBJECT -- AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE, AND I THINK I'LL JUST LEAVE IT RIGHT THERE.

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Q. IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT, SINCE SISCO HAS NOW MADE TWO PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THAT HE MIGHT APPEAR FOR A NEWS CONFERENCE ON THIS -- SINCE HE IS THE RANKING EXPERT ON THE AREA IN THE COUNTRY -- RATHER THAN HAVING IT LIMITED TO ONE MAN HERE AND THERE?

A. I WILL ASK HIM IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN THE SUGGESTION.

Q. ALONG THAT LINE WE HAVE HAD THE PRESIDENT FORD STATEMENT AND WE HAVE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CLARIFICATION, AND THEN TODAY WE HAD SISCO'S RATHER RAMBLING REMARKS ON IT-- AND I FOR ONE, DON'T FEEL ANY REALLY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL THREE STATEMENTS MEAN THE SAME THING -- AND

THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT, TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY DO MEAN.

A. O.K., I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION. I SIMPLY WILL RESPOND THAT OUR POLICY TOWARD THE PLO HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

Q. IF I COULD JUST TRY TO PIN DOWN ONE POINT IN THE FIRST SISCO INTERVIEW: HE, AS OTHERS HAVE, IS TALKING AGAIN OF THE LEGITIMATE "RIGHTS" OF THE PALESTINIANS. IN THE U.S. VIEW, DO THOSE RIGHTS INCLUDE A SECULAR STATE?

A. WE HAVE ALWAYS EXPRESSED, AS YOU JUST POINTED OUT, THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS WOULD HAVE TO BE RECOGNIZED IN ANY LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT.

BUT IN TERMS OF A FURTHER DEFINITION OF WHAT THOSE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS MIGHT BE, I THINK WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THAT IS ONE OF THE MATTERS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED THROUGH THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

Q. EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE SECULAR STATE IN PALESTINE IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE MIGHT --

A. NO, I SAID THE DEFINITION OF LEGITIMATE INTERESTS.

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Q. BUT THAT COULD INCLUDE A SECULAR STATE OF PALESTINE?

A- NO, I WOULD REFER YOU BACK TO WHAT WE HAVE SAID WITH RESPECT TO OUR POSITION TOWARDS THE PLO, AND REFER YOU BACK TO WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID AND WHAT THE SECRETARY HAS SAID AND WHAT SISCO HAS SAID ON THE SUBJECT.

I WAS ANSWERING THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF: WHAT ARE THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS --

Q. NO, HE ASKED YOU SPECIFICALLY, IF THAT INCLUDED A SECULAR STATE.

A. I'M TELLING YOU THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE NEGOTIATED -- I MEAN, HAS TO BE ARRIVED AT THROUGH A NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

Q. AND WE THINK THAT A SECULAR STATE IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE MY DISCUSSION OF THIS INTEREST-- OF YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION -- ANY FURTHER.

Q. WELL WASN'T THE QUESTION, WHETHER SECULAR STATE OR NOT IS DEFINITIVE -- INST YOUR DEFINITIVE BASE FOR THAT IN THE 1947 ACTION AND RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS? WOULDN'T THAT BE THE GUIDING THING IN THAT RESPECT?

A. I KNOW OF NOTHING WHICH HAS CHANGED ANYTHING IN THAT RESOLUTION AS FAR AS THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE AND SO FORTH, IS CONCERNED.

Q. ARE YOU TALKING OF THE '67 --

A. NO, THE '47 --

Q. WHAT WE ARE ASKING: DOES THE UNITED STATES STILL MAINTAIN THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST AS A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT JEWISH STATE?

A. YES. YES, WE'VE MADE THAT ABUNDANTLY -- WE MADE THAT, UNCLASSIFIED

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I THOUGHT, ABUNDANTLY CLEAR -- I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

Q. THAT'S WHY I WAS PLACING '47 AS YOUR BASIS FOR THAT.

Q. DOES THE U.S. VIEW THE PLO, THIS MORNING, AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS?

A. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO REFER YOU TO WHAT SISCO SPECIFICALLY SAID ON THIS MATTER. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT HIS EARLIER COMMENTS, AND HE DID ADJUST THAT SPECIFIC QUESTIO.

Q. YES, WELL, WHAT HE SAID WAS THAT HE WAS SIMPLY STATING THE ARAB VIEW, THE ARAB VIEW IS THAT THE PLO IS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS -- WHICH IS RATHER OBVIOUS. WELL, MY QUESTION IS WHETHER THE UNITED STATES SIMILARLY VIEWS THE PLO AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION.

A. WELL, SISCO SAID -- I WOULD NOTE ONE THING IN WHICH HE DID STATE: "NOW LET ME MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT OUR POLICY AS STATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WE HAVE ACCORDED NO RECOGNITION OF ANY KIND." OUR POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

Q. BUT DOES THE UNITED STATES REJECT THE CONCEPT OF A SECULAR PALESTINIAN STATE -- PERIOD -- QUESTION MARK?

A. WELL IT SEEMS TO ME AT THIS POINT THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO GET ME TO DEFINE POSITIONS TO ISSUES WHICH DO NOT EXIST

AT THIS TIME, AND I HAVE SAID THAT WE RECOGNIZED THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT.

I AM NOT PREPARED TO TAKE IT ANY FURTHER, AS TO WHAT THAT MIGHT MEAN IN TERMS OF NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES IN THE AREA.

Q. I BEG YOUR PARDON, THE ISSUES DO EXIST AT THIS TIME -- THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS TO BE A SECULAR PALESTINE STATE -- DOES EXIST AS AN ISSUE.

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AND MY QUESTION IS: DO WE REJECT --

A. YOU ARE ASKING FOR OUR POSITION OF -- OR THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION -- AND I JUST GAVE IT TO YOU.

Q. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHETHER IT'S YES, OR NO.

A. I'M SAYING THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS HAVE TO BE RECOGNIZED IN OUR VIEW, IF THERE IS GOING TO BE ANY LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT. I AM NOT PREPARED TO TAKE IT ANY FURTHER.

Q. ARE YOU PREPARED TO SAY THAT IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS THE PLO HAS A ROLE OR DOES NOT HAVE A ROLE AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED?

A. I THOUGHT WE HAD MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THROUGH OUR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR PREFERRED COURSES OF ACTION AND THE FACT THAT IF THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO MOVE FORWARD IT HAS TO BE DONE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

Q. IN THE QUESTION OF THE RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION YOU HAD SAID YOU WERE GOING TO CHECK ON WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONTACT AT THE UNITED NATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO

AT ANY LEVEL OTHER THAN THE TECHNICAL. DOES THE FACT THAT WE LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH THEM MEAN THAT WE RECOGNIZE THEM AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS?

A. WELL, LET ME FIRST OF ALL CLARIFY ONE THING THAT I SAID. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I'M CHECKING INTO A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT AMBASSADOR SCALI OR HIGH LEVEL MEMBERS OF OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK MET

WITH THE PLO. THEY HAVE NOT. I THOUGHT THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER OR NOT THERE WERE ANY LOW-LEVEL MORE OR LESS RANDOM CONTACTS WITH THE PLO REPRESENTATIVES AT NEW YORK.

Q. YES, WHATEVER CONTACTS.

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A. AND SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I LEFT YOU WITH THAT IMPRESSION, BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN NO HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS.

Q. WELL, DOES THIS, JSUT THE VERY FACT THAT YOU LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE COULD BE A MEETING, IS THIS A RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE PLO IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS?

A. NO.

Q. IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT AMBASSADOR SCALI DID MEET WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES THE DAY THAT ONE OF THEM GOT KNOCKED IN THE HEAD, AND HE WENT TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS IN NEW YORK.

A. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THAT. I WASN'T AWARE OF THAT INCIDENT. IF IT IS TRUE I WILL RETRACT IT, BUT I STILL WOULD NOT MODIFY MY RESPONSE TO MARILYN.

Q. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, PAUL, THE INTERVIEW THAT SISCO GAVE, THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW, WAS IN A USIA FILM TO BE BROADCAST ABROAD. AND THIS MORNING HE SAID THAT THE WAY HE HAD PHRASED THE STATEMENT THAT THE PLO WAS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF THE PALESTINIANS HE SAID THAT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE WAY TO PUT IT. DOES THIS NOW MEAN THAT THE USIA FILM WILL BE CHANGED IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION FOR THE FOREIGNERS WHO WILL BE LISTENING TO THE INTERVIEW?

A. WELL, I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THAT POINT SPECIFICALLY. BUT IN ANY EVENT, I THINK HE HAS MADE HIMSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR AND THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MISAPPREHENSIONS EITHER BY AUDIENCES HERE IN THE UNITED STATES OR OVERSEAS.

Q. THAT'S NOT TRUE, PAUL. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IF HE GOES OUT WITH ONE INTERVIEW THAT'S BROADCAST AROUND THE WORLD, WHICH SEEMS TO SUGGEST AS I READ THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, OR SECOND PARAGRAPH, THAT THE U.S. NOW REGARDS THE PLO AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, AS DICK PUT THE QUESTION, HE SAID THAT'S AN UNFORTUNATE WAY TO PUT IT.

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HE'S HAVING IT BOTH WAYS. HE IS SAYING IT ABROAD, AND HE IS SAYING IT'S UNFORTUNATE AT HOME.

Q. IT'S GOING TO BE SHOWN ABROAD AFTER THE CLARIFICATION.

Q. AND THIS CLARIFICATION CANNOT PURSUE THE BASIC INTERVIEW THAT'S GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED. SO YOU DO COME BACK TO THAT QUESTION. SINCE YOU CONTROL THE FILM, IS THAT FILM GOING TO BE STOPPED, OR IS THAT GOING TO GO OUT.

A. WELL, I WILL CHECK ON THAT SPECIFIC POINT. AS FAR AS I'M AWARE, IT'S GOING TO BE SHOWN.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING? DO YOU AMONG YOURSELVES THINK THAT ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO?

A. LOOK, I JUST CAN'T BE USEFUL TO YOU. AND I UNDERSTAND THE LEGITIMACY OF YOUR QUESTIONS HERE, BUT I REALLY CANNOT BE USEFUL TO YOU BY CONTINUING TO ENTERTAIN THAT SORT OF QUESTION.

Q. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE IN THE UN IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

A. WELL, I THINK THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER DEBATE AT THE UN. I BELIEVE OUR POSITION WILL BE MADE CLEAR WHEN AMBASSADOR SCALI SPEAKS ON --

Q. TOMORROW.

A. I BELIEVE THAT IS TOMORROW, CORRECT.

Q. WILL THE UNITED STATES OFFER AMENDMENTS TO ANY RESOLUTION PROPOSED, OR DOES IT FEEL IT'S A HOPELESS CASE?

- E ARE VIEWING THE DEBATE RIGHT AT THE MOMENT WITHIN THE UN CONTEXT.

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT A REPORTED MEETING RABBI ISRAEL MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, AND MR. SISCO
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OVER THE STATEMENT THAT HE MADE IN THE USIA FILM? I

UNDERSTAND THAT MEETING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TODAY.

A. I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON IT. I WILL CHECK AND LET YOU KNOW IF ANY SUCH MEETING IS SCHEDULED.

Q. MR. SISCO SEEMED TO HAVE AN UNUSUAL SEQUENCE OF AMBASSADORIAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED TODAY. WAS THERE ANYTHING SPECIAL THAT HE WAS PRESENTING?

A. NO, I THINK MOST OF THOSE AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS WERE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE AMBASSADORS CONCERNED. SOME OF THEM WERE COURTESY CALLS. SOME WERE FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION, PRESUMABLY ALSO INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE IS ALSO SEEING THE CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR. HE DOES MEET PERIODICALLY WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF CYPRUS.

Q. THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS LEFT HANGING. ONE IS ABOUT THE USIA FILM, WHAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE WILL BE TO THE USIA ON THIS; AND TWO, WHETHER OR NOT MR. SISCO WILL COME DOWN AND TALK TO US AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS WHOLE MATTER OF PLO, ETC. WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOME RESPONSES TO THESE, WHICH ARE DEFINITIVE?

Q. AND THREE, ABOUT THE MEETINGS AT THE UN, IF I MAY.

A. YES.

Q. ARE YOU GOING TO CHECK TO FIND OUT WHETHER THAT FILM IS GOING TO BE STOPPED?

A. I'M GOING TO CHECK TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT MY STATEMENT TO YOU THAT THE FILM IS GOING TO BE SHOWN, WHICH IS MY UNDERSTANDING, REMAINS CORRECT. I'M CERTAIN THAT IT DOES.

Q. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IN THAT REGARD IF IT'S CONTEMPLATED THAT THERE BE AN EXTENSION OF REMARKS IN THE NATURE OF A CORRECTION AT THE END, IN THE MIDDLE, AT THE BEGINNING,
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REFLECTING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FIRST ONE AND THE SECOND ONE; OR ANY EDITING. WILL YOU TAKE THAT QUESTION?

A. I WILL SEE IF THE ORIGINAL USIA INTERVIEW WILL BE AMENDED IN ANY WAY.

Q. THIS IS WHAT I WANT.

A. BUT I DON'T FEEL THAT THAT WILL BE THE CASE.

Q. WHY NOT?

A. I'M JUST GOING TO FIND OUT THE FACTS.

Q. WHILE WE ARE AT THIS NIGGLING THIS THING TO DEATH, I READ THOSE SISCO STATEMENTS VERY HURRIEDLY BECAUSE WE HAD ALREADY COVERED IT. BUT I WASN'T SURE IN THAT UNFORTUNATE WAY OF PUTTING IT WHETHER HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WHAT SISCO SAID IN THE USIA THING OR THE WAY DICK VALERIANI WORDED THE QUESTION. CAN YOU CLEAR THAT UP?

A. WELL, CAN I MAKE ONE POINT ABOUT THE FIRST INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE GOTTEN EVERYBODY ASKING THESE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS? I THINK THAT IF YOU READ THAT FIRST INTERVIEW WHICH MR. SISCO HAD WITH USIA THAT, IF YOU READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND COMPLETELY, YOU WILL SEE THAT IT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN U.S. POLICY. THIS IS THE REASON, THE FUNDAMENTAL REASON, THAT I SAID I ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE NO DIRECTIVE TO USIA TO AMEND, DELETE, OR NOT SHOW THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW.

Q. I WOULD BEG TO DISAGREE WITH YOU. THERE IS AT LEAST THE IMPLICATION OF NEW GROUND HAVING BEEN BROKEN IN THAT INTERVIEW, PARTICULARLY ON THE SUBJECT OF WHETHER THERE IS ANY DE FACTO AMERICAN RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

Q. AT LEAST THAT'S THE WAY IT'S BEING READ IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

A. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I THINK THAT'S AN UNFORTUNATE UNCLASSIFIED

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ISOLATION ON ONE ASPECT OF WHAT MR. SISCO SAID. IF YOU READ WHAT HE SAID IN THAT INTERVIEW, OF WHICH WE HAVE COPIES, I THINK YOU WILL SEE THAT IT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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